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SOURCE - Zemedelsko Zname.EXPAND WORKERS' HOSPITAL, PROMOTE PHYSIOTHERAPY

WORKERS GIVEN FREE CARE, COMPENSATION PAYMENTS -- Sofia Zemedelsko Zname, 25 Jul 50

The Workers' Hospital is open free of charge to all workers holding Social Security insurance. After release from the hospital, every worker receives from the Social Security agency, located directly in the building, an allowance for the trip, a compensation for wages lost during his illness and for leave, including additional payments for every child, and the bread bonus. A monthly average of 7 to 8 million leva is paid to workers receiving hospitalization.

The hospital now has a department for nervous diseases and a psychiatric ward; since 1 May 1950, there has also been a department for arthritic and rheumatic diseases, which is a branch of the Central Rheumatic Institute. A special clinic has been established for occupational diseases and poisoning, and there are now two departments for internal disorders. Other special departments will be added in the near future.

In the afternoon, outpatients are received in the dispensary.

Some installations are still missing at the hospital, among them a steam-heating system, reading rooms, and a library.

At medical meetings held every Saturday, interesting cases are reported and discussed, X-ray pictures and films are demonstrated, and criticism and self-criticism are practiced by the medical personnel.

ESTABLISH MINERAL SPRING RESORTS -- Sofia Zemedelsko Zname, 29 Jul 50

Physical therapy is regarded in present-day Bulgaria as a powerful factor in the treatment of various diseases, such as heart and vascular ailments, infantile paralysis, and other paralytic disorders. It is also applied for general health-restoring treatments.

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The mineral spring resort of Ovcha Kupel in the Sofia area has a Central Institute of Physiotherapy, equipped with modern installations for mineral and mud baths, sun bathing, hydrotherapy, exercises, massages, etc. Another mineral-water resort has been established in the Rhodope Mountains, where the water has been found most effective for heart and vascular diseases; the bathing establishments here will be enlarged and improved.

Following the trend in the USSR, the mineral and physiotherapeutical resources of the country will be fully developed and applied, especially during July and August, to give vacationing workers ample facilities for restoring their health and strength.

FIGHT RABIES -- Sofia Zemedelsko Zname, 26 Jul 50

Following a decision of the National Council of the Fatherland Front, a campaign will be launched against rabies. Commissions, each assisted by a veterinary, will be appointed in every district of Sofia, and various organizations will be called on to aid in the work. An educational campaign will inform the population of the measures to be taken. Dogs will be vaccinated.

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